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In re Application of: )  
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Kazuya SATO et al. )  
) Group Art Unit: 2877  
Serial No.: 09/783,295 )  
) Examiner: Tu T. Nguyen  
Filed: February 15, 2001 )  
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For: METHOD FOR INSPECTING )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES**

In an October 28, 2003 election of species requirement, the period for response to which extends one month thereafter, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following species, as characterized by the Examiner: Species I, claims 1–15, and Species II, claims 16–20. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species I, claims 1–15, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

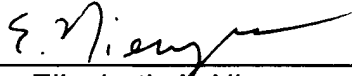
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